Boosting Energy Efficiency of Heterogeneous Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Fleets via Anticipative and Cooperative Vehicle Guidance

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Overview



Timeline

- Project start date:
 - Sep. 1, 2017
- Project end date:
 - Aug. 31, 2019
- Percent complete: 75%

Budget

- Total project funding
 - EERE: \$1,159,987
 - FFRDC: \$100,000
 - Cost share: \$183,206
 - Total: \$1,343,193
- Funding for Budget Period 1 (BP1):
 - \$ 542,099 (EERE)+\$50k
 (FFRDC)+109,853 (cost share)
- Funding for Budget Period 2 (BP2):
 - \$517,888(EERE)+\$50k(FFRDC)+\$79,373 (cost share)

Barriers

- Evaluating the network-wide energy efficiency gains of connected and automated vehicles.
- Accurately modeling and simulating mixedtraffic conditions consisting of autonomous and human-controlled vehicles.
- Real-time integration of experimental vehicles into large- scale traffic micro-simulations for more accurate energy use measurement.

Partners







Relevance



Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAVs)



By Vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication, the event horizon of vehicles can be extended not only in time but also in space.



By **Autonomous Driving**, the incoming information can be processed effortlessly and the vehicle can be guided precisely.

Potential impact of CAVs in lowering energy use has received much less attention from the CAV research community.

Overall Objectives

- Propose anticipative and collaborative guidance schemes for CAVs to lower energy use.
- Obtain energy impacts for a mixed traffic fleet using simulations and experiments.

Objectives previous period (Go/No-Go decision point)

• up to 5% increase in energy efficiency for simulated CAVs using real-time implementable algorithms demonstrated in (Matlab) simulations.

Objectives this period

• Demonstrating an additional 3%-5% increase in energy efficiency for simulated CAVs using our improved guidance algorithms (verifications using VISSIM microsimulations).

Impact & Relevance to VT Office

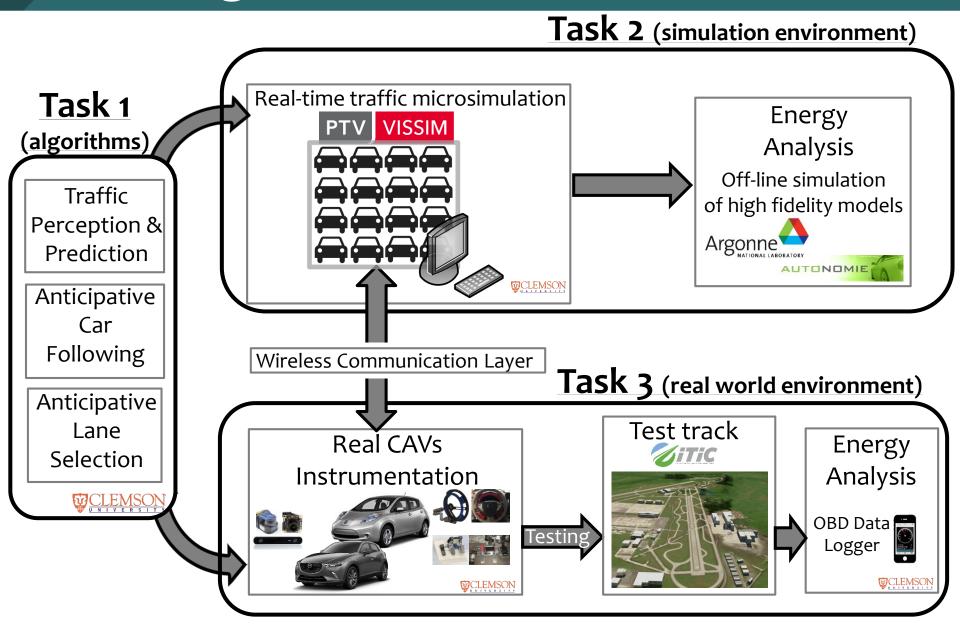
- Potential of reducing abrupt maneuvers/slow downs and contributing to a harmonized traffic flow.
- Our findings could inform and shape new policies of VTO aimed at accelerated deployment of CAVs to lower national energy consumption.
- The VIL testing setup can find wider use across other VTO-funded initiatives.



Our Approach

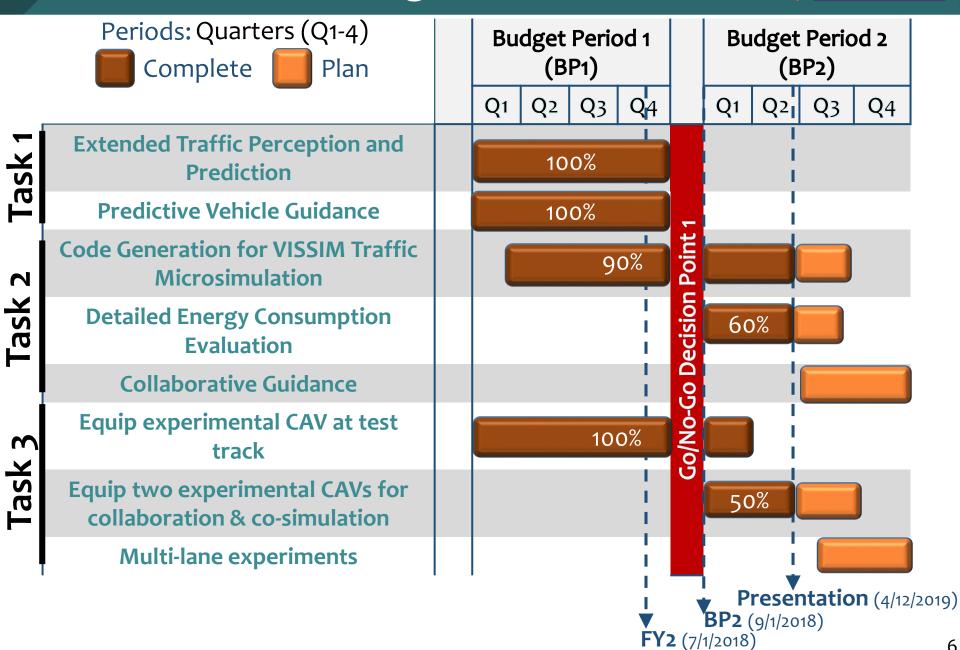
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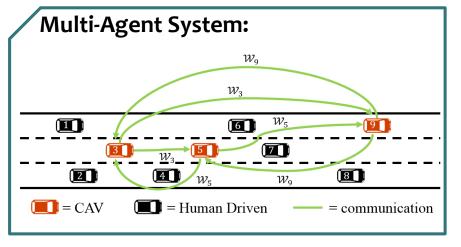


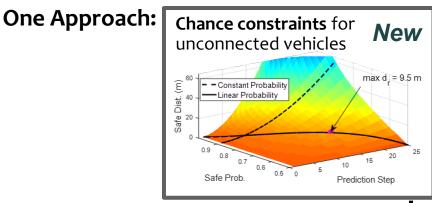
Milestones & Progress Summary

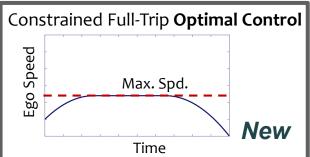


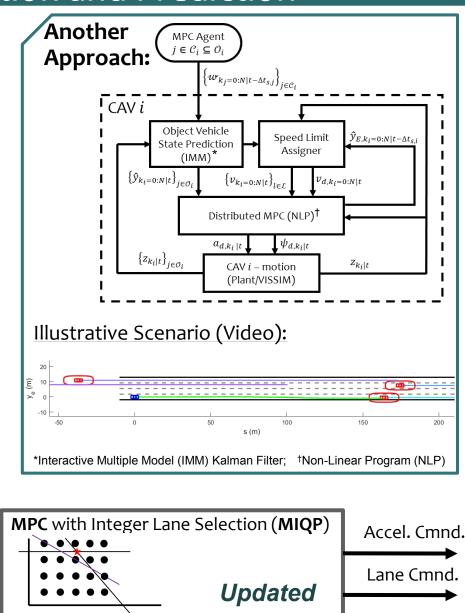


Task 1 > Anticipative Car-Following & Lane Selection > Traffic Perception and Prediction

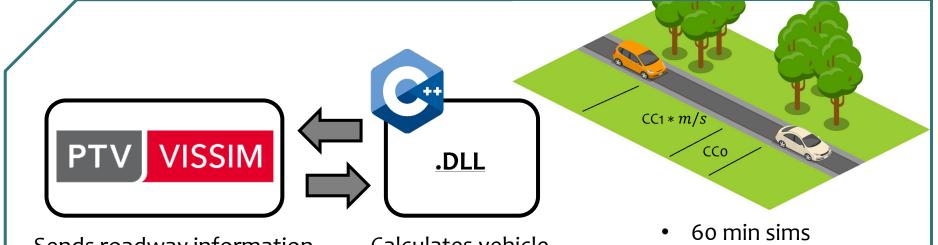








Task 2 ➤ Simulation Model Creation for Mixed-Traffic Energy Consumption Models

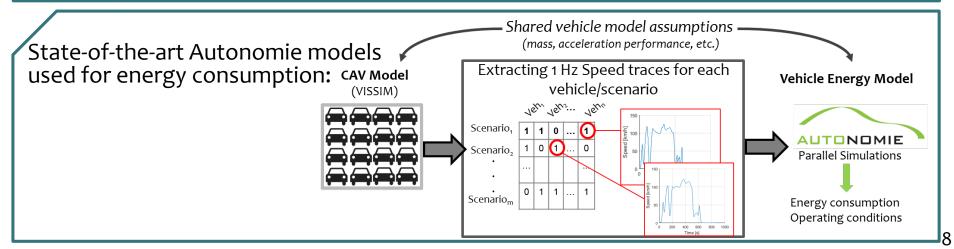


Sends roadway information and traffic information, and calculates vehicle dynamics.

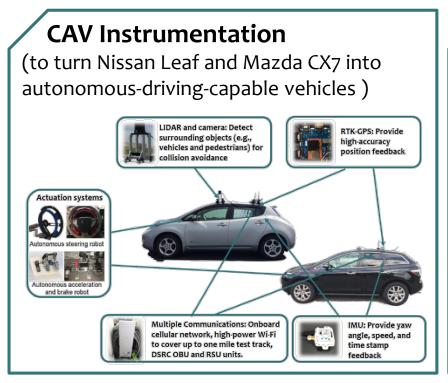
Calculates vehicle throttle and steering behavior and sends.

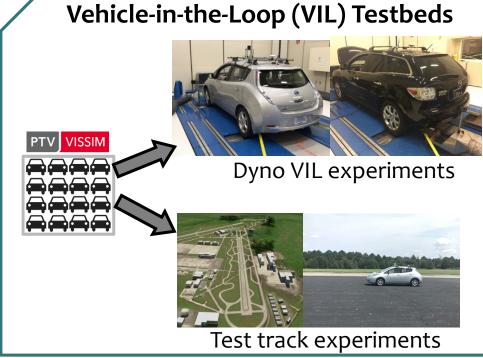
- 4000 m track
- CCo: 3.04 m
- CC1: 1.45 s

[1] Dong, J., A. Houchin, N. Shafieirad, C. Lu, N. Hawkins, and S. Knickerbocker. 2015. VISSIM Calibration for Urban Freeways. Center for Transportation Research and Education, Institute for Transportation, Iowa State University, Ames



Task 3 > Vehicle-in-the-Loop Experimental Testbed Energy Consumption Evaluation



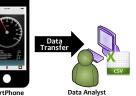


OBD-based Energy Estimation

A smartphone App is implemented to log data from the OBDII port and to estimate the fuel & battery energy consumption.



(Implemented OBDII Data Logger App)





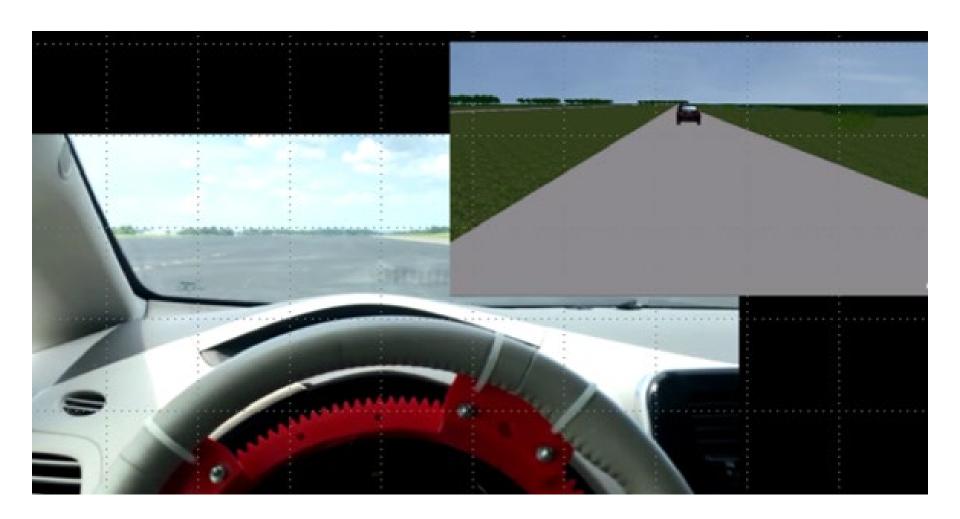
Fuel Rate Measurement by Flow Meter

Flow meter is used to measure the fuel usage in a controlled environment and to evaluate our OBD-based fuel rate estimations.



Task 3 ➤ Vehicle-in-the-Loop Experimental Testbed

VIL Testbed: Real automated vehicle interacts with a virtual vehicle in VISSIM.

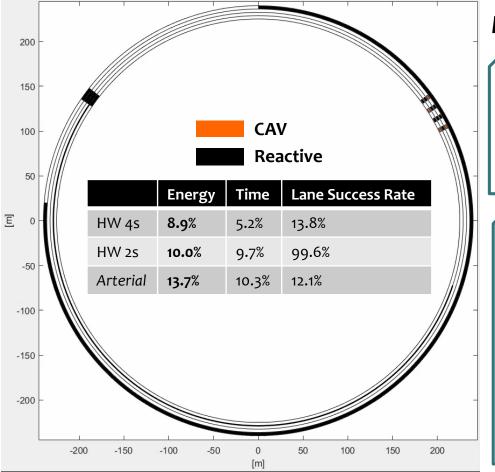




Technical Accomplishments and Progress

Accomplishments

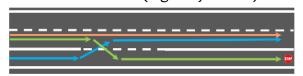
Anticipative CAVs Reduce Energy, Time vs. Reactive Model

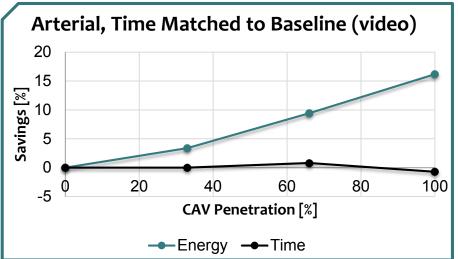


Multi-Agent MATLAB Simulation Results

Highway Merge Scenario

- Vehicles enter at either 0.5 Hz or 0.25 Hz.
- Random desired lane (highway or exit).





Baseline: Intelligent Driver Model with Rule-Based lane change

- 2-lane version: R. A. Dollar and A. Vahidi, "Predictively coordinated vehicle acceleration and lane selection using mixed integer programming," in ASME 2018 Dynamic Syst. Control Conf., 2018, pp. 1–9.
- Multi-lane version: R. A. Dollar and A. Vahidi. "Automated vehicles in hazardous merging traffic: a chance-constrained approach." To appear, 2019 9th Int. Symp. Advances in Automotive Control, IFAC, 2019.

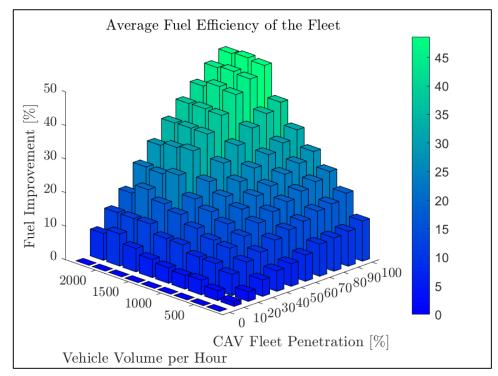
Intelligent Driver Model for Car Following

Treiber, M., Hennecke, A., and Helbing, D., 2000. "Congested traffic states in empirical observations and microscopic simulations". *Physical Review E*, **62**(2), p. 1805.

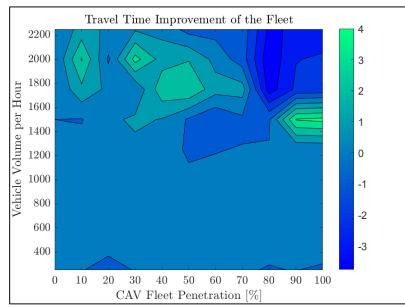
$$d_{des} = d_0 + max \left(0, \tau_h v + \frac{v \Delta v}{\sqrt{4a_0b_0}}\right); u_1 = a_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{v}{v_{ref}}\right)^{\delta_a} - \left(\frac{d_{des}(v, \Delta v)}{d}\right)^2\right]$$

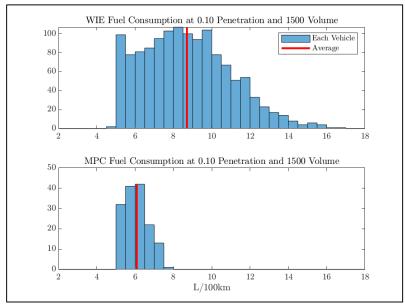
Accomplishments Car-Following Microsimulation

Matlab Results:



- Travel times were normalized to the Wiedemann drivers (WIE, Vissim model)
- At any penetration, it is expected MPC vehicles will have significantly lower fuel consumption

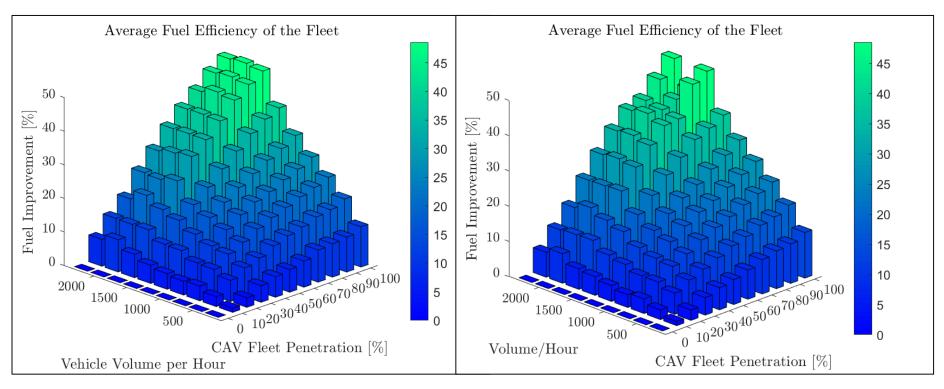




Accomplishments Car-Following Microsimulation

Matlab Results

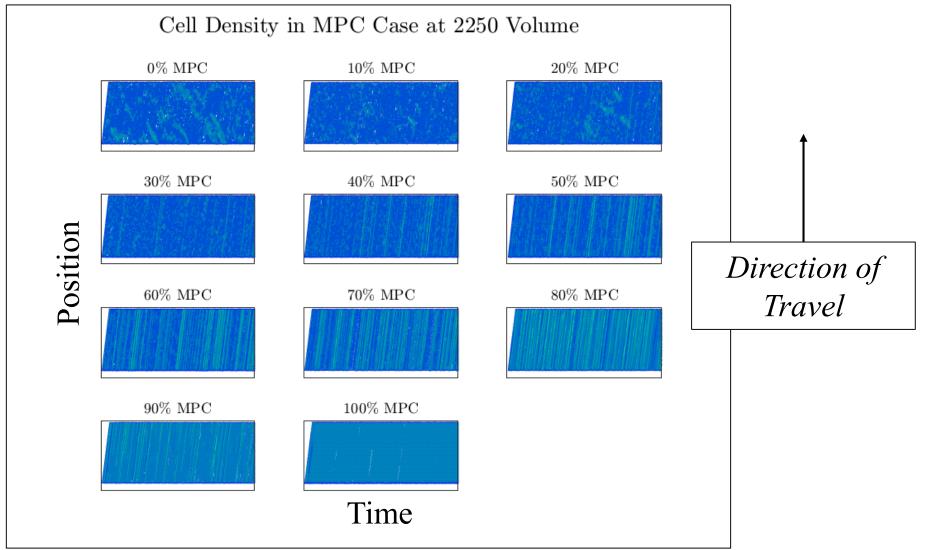
Autonomie Results



High-fidelity processing in Autonomie shows similar results to Matlab model

Accomplishments

Car-Following Microsimulation



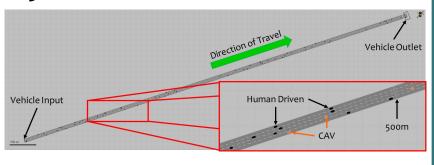
 Traffic smoothening effects are seen by a reduction in shockwaves and increasing density at higher penetrations

Accomplishments Lane Change Microsimulation

Non-Linear Program (NLP) Lane Change Algorithm Implementation in VISSIM

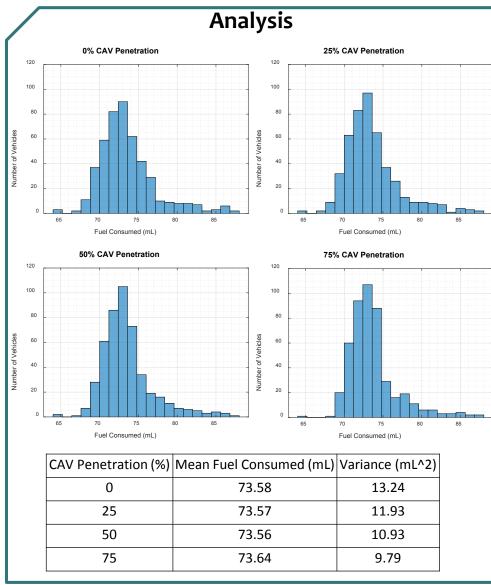
Simulation Scenarios

- 1300m straight link
- Volumes: 1000
- CAV penetration: 0%, 1%, 5%, 10%, 25%, 50%, and 75%
- Desired velocities distributed about 8okm/h
- 30 minutes of simulation time



Illustrative Video





Accomplishments

Vehicle Automation



① LIDAR and camera Perception



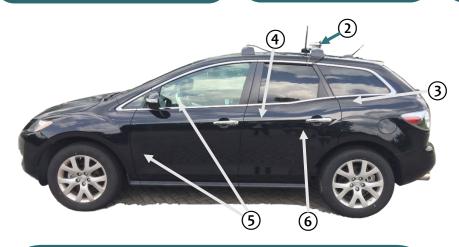
② RTK-GPS Localiza tion

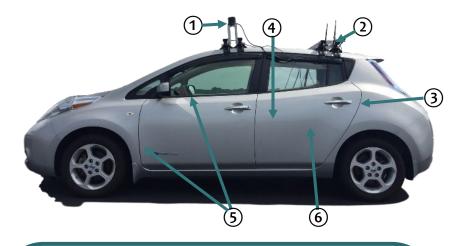


③ IMU Attitude & heading feedback



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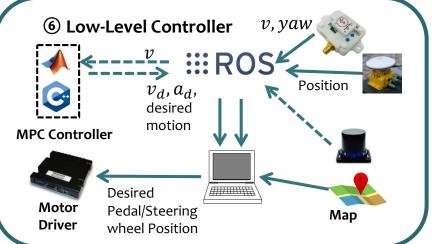
Autonomous steering robot



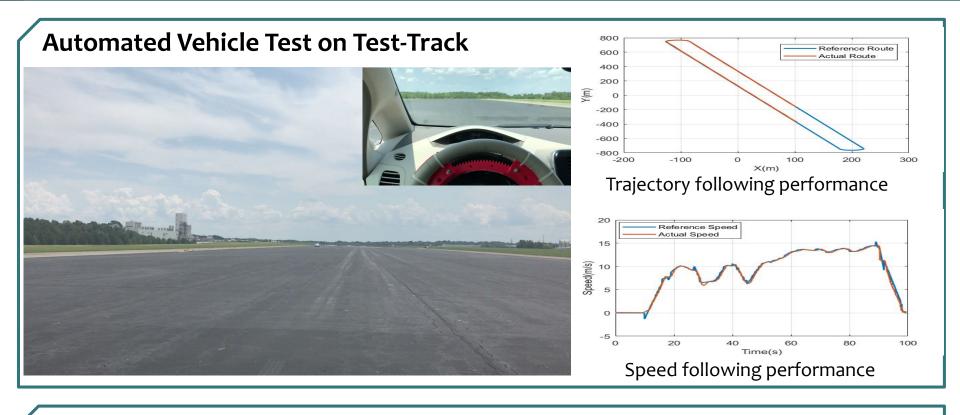
Autonomous acceleration and brake robot

⑤Robotic AutoDrive System

Automated throttle/brake pedals and steering wheel control robots



Accomplishments Vehicle Automation



Automated Virtual Car Following Performance

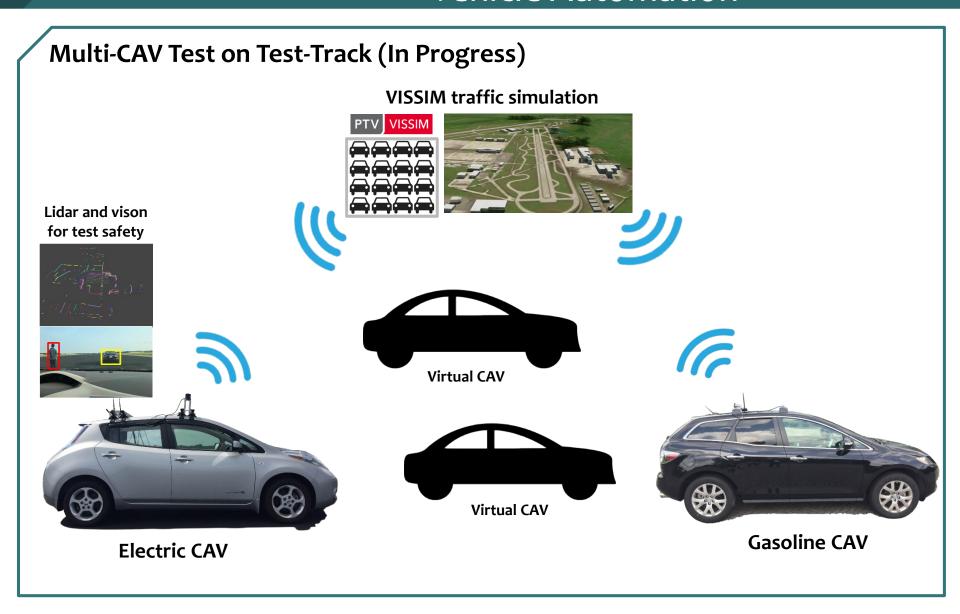
Errors of steady speed following

Nissan Leaf	Nissan Leaf	Mazda CX-7	
on Dyno	on ITIC	on Dyno	
$\pm 0.05 m/s$	$\pm 0.1m/s$	$\pm 0.05 m/s$	

Errors of Dynamic speed following

Nissan Leaf on	Nissan Leaf on
Dyno w. MPC	Dyno w. IDM
0.038m/s	0.045 <i>m/s</i>

Accomplishments Vehicle Automation

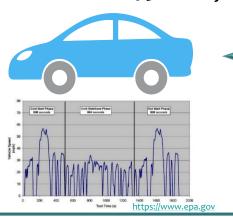


Accomplishments

Preliminary Vehicle-in-the-loop Results

A single vehicle is simulated (in C++) that tracks the **FTP-75** test cycle

The real vehicle on the dynamometer follows a simulated vehicle (with no connectivity).





The real vehicle is controlled one time using **Intelligent Driver Model** (as the reference) and another time using the **MPC car following model**.

Fuel consumption reduction potential of MPC car following model compared with the Intelligent Driver Model are given below in green color.

Flow Meter measurement Results

	Duration	IDM	MPC
FTP75	31min	1.82 liter	1.7 liter (+6.6%)

Basic OBD-based Estimation Results

	Duration	IDM	MPC
FTP75	31min	1.66 liter	1.56 liter (+6.0%)

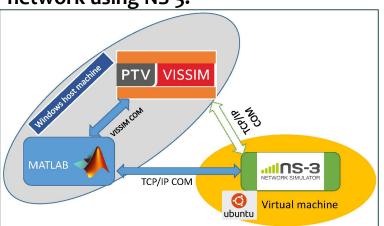
More energy usage improvement is expected by adding the vehicle-to-vehicle connectivity between the real and simulated vehicles.

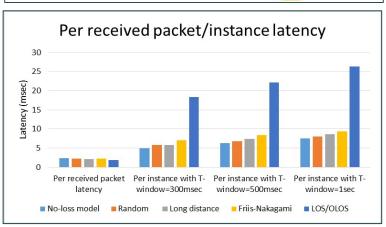
Accomplishments DSRC Devices Setup + Latency Performance of Integrated simulator

DSRC devices are set up in a lab environment including 1 Road Side Equipment (RSE) and 2 Onboard Equipment (OBEs). running MPC algorithm OBE-1 (Test Vehicle 1) thernet/WiFi •)) DSRC UDP/IP running MPC algorithn OBE-2 (Test Vehicle 2) RSE VISSIM

NS-3 Parameter	Value
Number of vehicles	60
Safety msg size	200 bytes
Transmission rate	10 Hz
Carrier Frequency	5.9 GHz
Channel Bandwidth	10 MHz
Channel access	802.11p OCB
Data rate	6 Mbps
TXP	23 dBm
Mobility model	Waypoint Mobility (VISSIM vehicle position in every simulation sec)
VISSIM update rate	100 msec

We have simulated the communication network using NS-3.





Per received packet latency: is the average duration of receiving a packet from the moment it is generated.

Per received instance latency: is the average duration of receiving the first successful packet for specific Tx-Rx pair within T-window time.

Responses to Reviewers' Comments

Reviewer 6: "The reviewer remarked that the simulation of predictive and anticipative algorithms is an important step forward for CAV analysis. The approach has initially omitted position uncertainties/error of CAVs (perfect knowledge) and assumed no communication latencies. The reviewer noted that the positional uncertainties and data latency have the potential to change the simulation results."

Response: Later revisions of the drive cycle-based car-following simulations included random communication loss, with little effect on results after the losses were heuristically corrected [1]. The mixed traffic simulations are also subject to uncertainty in prediction and/or perception error. This is accounted for using chance constraint techniques [2]. Furthermore, real communication latency, sensing error, modeling error, and prediction errors are present in the project's experimental with our test vehicles. In addition, we have simulated the communication network using NS-3 [3]. A number of propagation loss models have been used to realize the communication loss among simulated vehicles.

Reviewer 7: "The reviewer stated that the completed work might be technically valid, but it is not clear how it is relevant. Simulation using a test cycle like the USo6 (high speed, high acceleration drive cycle) is very rigid and does not capture relevant and important variations and complexity that occur under actual driving conditions. The reviewer said that it is probably an important step for building knowledge, but that is the limit. Improvements in efficiency do not mean much in this context until the underlying principles and behavior can be connected to larger systems or the purpose of the output is more narrowly bounded."

Response: The MATLAB and VISSIM-based microsimulation environments have advanced beyond the use of imposed lead-vehicle speed profiles including the USo6. As in the real world, traffic disturbances now result from road geometry, network demand, and lane position goals of individual vehicles. In the particular case of the Arterial scenario, lane changing MPC and trip-level optimal control resulted in 16.2% reduction in energy use compared to IDM and rule-based lane change (travel time held constant), which was close to the USo6 improvement of 16.7%. We also tested our vehicle using an urban drive cycle (FTP75) presented in slide 20.

^{1.} R. A. Dollar and A. Vahidi, "Efficient and collision-free anticipative cruise control in randomly mixed strings," IEEE Trans. Intell. Vehicles, vol. 3, no. 4, pp. 439–452, 2018.

^{2.} R. A. Dollar and A. Vahidi. "Automated vehicles in hazardous merging traffic: a chance-constrained approach." To appear, 2019 9th Int. Symp. Advances in Automotive Control, IFAC, 2019.

[&]quot;NS-3." [Online] https://www.nsnam.org/.

Collaboration and Coordination

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To estimate energy efficiency using ANL's detailed powertrain simulation tool Autonomie.



International Transportation Innovation Center

Sub-contractor: Dr. Joachim G. Taiber

Responsible for the physical implementation of the communication network at the testbed, and to provide physical testbed access to perform the experiments.



<u>Group</u>

Provides the VISSIM traffic microsimulation tool, technical support, and traffic data.

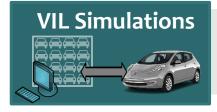
Remaining Challenges and Barriers



Accurate prediction of surrounding vehicles' motion remains a challenge.



- High variance in Vissim simulations requires large number of simulations.
- How to generate relevant scenarios and how to measure performance meaningfully. Results are sensitive to post-processing.
- Vissim requires very precisely tuned parameters to realistically model human driving behavior.



Most issues have been resolved. The only remaining issue is:

• Computation + communication delay may pose a challenge in some scenarios.



- Improve speed control accuracy in low speed range (below 1.4m/s).
- Reduce trajectory tracking error at high speed.



- Compatibility issues for sending/receiving custom data between products from different manufacturers (Cohda and iSmartWays devices).
 - The closed track is available for testing for limited days only.

Proposed Future Research

Upcoming Milestones:

- Detailed Energy Consumption Evaluation in Autonomie.
- Multi-Lane microsimulations & experiments.
- Collaborative Guidance.

Future work for the rest of FY19:

- Estimating the energy efficiency impact via high fidelity models in collaboration with Argonne National Lab and their detailed powertrain simulation tool Autonomie.
- Completing a test track setup for DSRC communication between experimental and simulated vehicles.
- Demonstrating the energy savings via our vehicle-in-the-loop experimental testbed that includes two experimental CAVs driven on a test track.
- Running multi-lane co-simulations and measure energy use of test vehicle when collaborating with simulated vehicles.
- Designing new collaborative guidance algorithms for CAVs aimed at reducing energy use of equipped vehicles.

Summary



Overall Objective

Propose anticipative and collaborative guidance schemes for CAVs, to achieve at least 10% gain in energy efficiency across a mixed traffic fleet with 30% penetration of CAVs.

Our Approach

- Formulate a vehicle guidance scheme that allows the CAVs to plan their energy optimal and safe future motion plan using the information obtained from our Traffic Perception and Prediction algorithms.
- To verify the energy efficiency benefit of the proposed vehicle guidance scheme, we use customized traffic microsimulations.
- To verify the energy efficiency benefit of the proposed vehicle guidance scheme in a near realworld condition, we use test vehicles in a novel vehicle-in-the-loop co-simulation environment.

Key Technical Accomplishments

- Multi-agent microsimulations in MATLAB show anticipative vehicle guidance contributes 9% to 16% reduction in homogeneous fleet energy use. Efficiency also steadily improved in partiallyconnected scenarios.
- Integrated the proposed car-following & lane selection schemes into Vissim.
- Preliminary Vissim microsimulations showed fuel benefits across all penetrations and volumes.
- Completed robotic autonomous driving system implemented in a Nissan Leaf & Mazda CX7.
- Preliminary experiments showed about 6% fuel consumption reduction by our anticipative car-following algorithm in absence of communication.
- Characterized the communication delay and packet drops using VISSIM.



Optimal Control Equations

Lane Changing MPC with MIQP Objective

$$J = x_e^{T}(N) P x_e(N) + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left[x_e^{T}(i) Q x_e(i) + u_e^{T}(i) R u_e(i) \right]$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} q_a & 0 \\ 0 & q_l \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$-s - M (2 - \mu_{\lambda a} - \mu_{\lambda b}) - M\beta_{\zeta}^{C} \le -ES_{min}^{\zeta} - d_r + \epsilon_1$$

$$s - M (2 - \mu_{\lambda a} - \mu_{\lambda b}) - M\beta_{\zeta} \le ES_{max}^{\zeta} - d_r + \epsilon_1$$

$$\beta_{\zeta}, \ \mu_{\lambda a}, \ \mu_{\lambda b} \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$Case \ I$$

$$a^*(t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}c_1t - c_2 & \forall t \\ 0 & ; \ t < t_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}c_1t - c_2^{\text{II}} & ; \ t < t_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}c_1t - c_2^{\text{III}} & ; \ t \le t < t_f \end{cases}$$

$$Case \ III$$

$$a^*(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; \ t \le t_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}c_1t - c_2 & ; \ t_1 \le t < t_f \end{cases}$$

$$d_r = F_s^{-1}(\alpha) - ES$$

Trip-Level Optimal Control

$$\min J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \dot{v}^2 dt$$
s.t. $s(t_0) = s_0$, $s(t_f) = s_f$

$$v(t_0) = v_0$$
, $v(t_f) = 0$

$$\dot{s} = v$$

$$v \le \bar{v}$$

$$a^*(t) = \frac{1}{2}c_1t - c_2 \quad \forall t$$

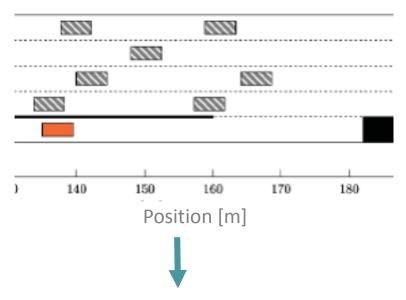
$$a^{*}\left(t\right) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2}c_{1}t - c_{2}^{\mathrm{I}} & ; & t < t_{1} \\ 0 & ; & t_{1} \leq t < t_{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2}c_{1}t - c_{2}^{\mathrm{III}} & ; & t_{2} \leq t < t_{f} \end{cases}$$

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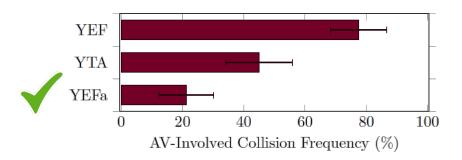
Chance Constraint Design



The environment of a real AV collision was modeled in MATLAB.



Designs were compared and the safest was selected.



Non-Linear Programming Approach

Lane Changing MPC with NLP Objective

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}_k} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[\left\| F_{l,k} \right\|_{Q_f}^2 + \left\| G_k \right\|_{Q_g}^2 \right] + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \left[\left\| H_k \right\|_{Q_h}^2 + \left\| u_k \right\|_{R}^2 \right]$$

Subject to:
$$\dot{x} = f(x, u), x \in X, u \in U$$

 $c(x, u) \ge 0$

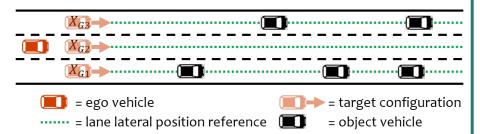
Where: F = Lane dependent cost (a weighted blend of the costs for tracking the center and reference speed of each lane)

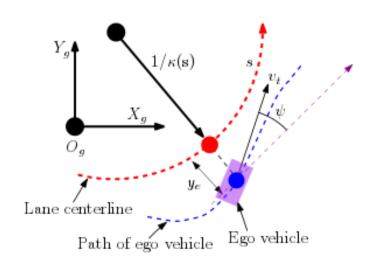
G = Lane independent cost (e.g. desired velocity)

H = Predictability cost

Further:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ y_e \\ \psi \\ v_t \\ a_t \end{bmatrix}; \quad \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} v_t \left(\frac{1}{1 - y_e \kappa(s)} \right) \cos \psi \\ v_t \sin \psi \\ a_t \\ -\tau_\psi \psi \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \tau_\psi & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_d \\ a_d \end{bmatrix}$$

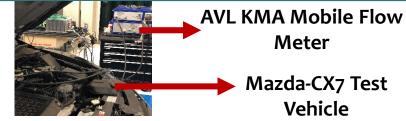




• Goulet, N. and Ayalew, B. "Coordinated Model Predictive Control on Multi-Lane Roads". In Proceedings of the ASME 2019 International Design Engineering Technical Conferences & Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC 2019). August 18-21, 2019. Anaheim, CA, USA.

Technical Backup Evaluating our OBD-based fuel rate estimations (Combustion test vehicle)

- Our OBD Logger App was extended to read and collect 11-bit CAN protocol of this test vehicle.
- The maximum data sampling frequency was increased from 2Hz to 5Hz.
- In order to evaluate our OBD-based fuel rate estimations, we tracked the actual fuel in the tank and also used a flow meter to measure the actual fuel consumed by the engine.



Step 1Add fuel to an empty

tank.



Step 2Log flow meter data

& OBD data simultaneously.



Step 3

Run on a chassis dynamometer

until run out of fuel.



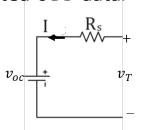
We repeated the process three times putting 1 gal, 2.5 gal, and 3 gal in an empty tank.

The errors in flow meter measurements and OBDII estimations compared with the initial fuel in the tank are given in red color.

	Duration	Fuel Tank	Flow Meter		OBDII (calibration method)
Test 1	1h 20min	3 79 liter	3.94 liter		ln
(1 gal)	111 20111111	0.70 11(0)	(+4.0%)	(-4.1%)	progress
Test 2	3h 41min	0 16 liter	10.22 liter	8.59 liter	ln
(2.5 gal)	311 + 11111111	9. 4 0 III.61	(+8.0%)	(-9.3%)	progress
Test 3	1h 45min	11.36 liter	11.51 liter	11.09 liter	ln
(3 gal)	111 43111111	11.30 11161	(+1.4%)	(-2.3%)	progress

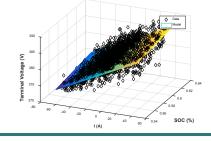
Technical Backup Energy Consumption Measurements (Battery Electric test vehicle)

- Unlike our combustion test vehicle, the specification of the packets sent to the OBD port of our electric Nissan Leaf vehicle are not published by the vehicle manufacturer.
- Our OBD Logger App was extended to collect the **battery's current, voltage, state-of-charge** (SOC), and capacity via OBD port of the Nissan Leaf.
- To estimate the resistive energy loss of the battery, we estimated the battery's internal resistance value using the collected OBD data.

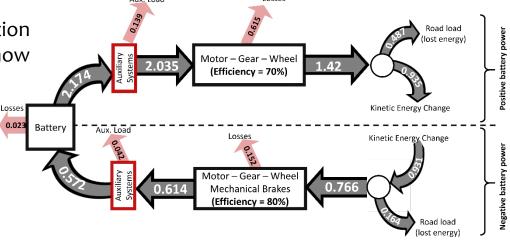


 $v_T = v_{oc} + R_s.I$ $v_{oc} = a.SOC(t) + b$ $v_T = a.SOC(t) + R_s.I + b$

• The terminal voltage (v_T) , and charging/discharging current (I) are available via OBD port. By linear regression* we obtained $R_{\rm S}=0.1~(ohm)$.



• The estimated energy distribution (kWh) for our electric vehicle can now be plotted for each road test**:



^{*} Assuming Open Circuit Voltage (v_{oc}) is a linear function of SOC:

^{**} Assuming that the power consumed by the auxiliary systems is constant and is 486 Watt.